

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TADASHI SAWAYAMA ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: Div. of Appln. No.) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned
09/294,367)
Filed: Herewith)
For: PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
EXHAUST PROCESSING)
PROCESS AND PLASMA)
PROCESSING PROCESS) : February 11, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

a.) Introductory Comments

Prior to receipt of the first Office Action on the merits and
contemporaneous with the filing of the subject application, kindly amend the subject
application as follows: